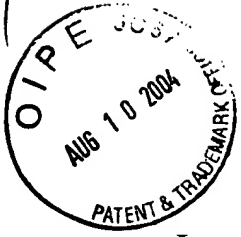


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In response to the USPTO Official Action mailed on June 15, 2004, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

A substitute specification is enclosed and includes the corrections requested by
the Examiner. The Substitute Specification and Abstract are attached hereto.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.